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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0171-00000

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Yoshizumi MANO et al.) Group Art Unit: 2161
Application No.: 10/001,766) Examiner: Unkown
Filed: October 31, 2001)
For: INFORMATION PROCESSING) Confirmation No.: 4322
APPARATUS, METHOD, AND)
SYSTEM, CONTENT SALES SYSTEM)
AND METHOD, TRANSACTION)
ASSISTING SYSTEM AND METHOD,)
SERVICE PROVIDING SYSTEM AND)
METHOD, AND RECORDING)
MEDIUM)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

STATUS INQUIRY

According to our records, the above-identified application was filed October 31, 2001. To date, Applicants have not received an Office Action in connection with this application.

In view of these circumstances, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests that the Office advise him of the status of this application as soon as possible in order to determine whether further action by the Applicants is required at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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